NEWS OF THE STORES.

BEWILDERING DISPLAY OF FOOTGEAR FOR HOUSE AND STREET WEAR.

SKATING COSTUMES, THE EVER FAITHFUL BLOUSE WAIST AND A THOUSAND OTHER FASCINATING ARTICLES TO TEMPT

THE WOMAN SHOPPER. To a well-dressed woman the finishing touches for her costume are all-important, and at no time have the fashions admitted of so much individuality in this respect as at present. Collars are nowadays a study in themselves, and even tailor-made gowns are worn with picturesque cravats and jabots, while for evening wear the collarettes and fichus of lace, seline de soie, chiffon and what not are as varied as they are becoming.

AT E. A. MORRISON & SON'S, NO. 893 BROAD-WAY.

In the creation of these charming additions to a dress E. A. Morrison & Son are unsurpassed, and a wide field here lies open to the seeker of dainty garnitures with which to make those constant variations of costume so dear to the feminine heart. This firm's sketch illustrates two of the latest designs, but those to be seen at their showrooms are legion, and new models are constantly being added. rest piece, with collar attached, that is depicted is made of pale yellow taffeta, and its trimming consists of yellow silk ruffles edged with a narrow black velvet fold. Two of these velvet-edge ruffles extend down each side of the artistically draped nt, while the collar is entirely composed of ruffles made so very full that the effect is that of a Elizabethan ruff. This style is obtainable in all shades for both day and evening wear. Another dainty, becoming etcetera in the way of a collar is also shown in Morrison's sketch. is fashioned of pale blue satin ribbon, the rich fold rows of very narrow black velvet studded with mock jewels. Over this fold extend pointed pleces of the ribbon, all edged with a full ruffle of narrow black lace. The points are narrow toward the front, leaving a plain space just beneath the chin, but at the back they are gracefully arranged in profusion, and are finished with a smart bow, which is also of the ribbon. that encircles the throat being adorned with three

AT A. ALEXANDER'S, SINTH-AVE, AND TWENTY-THIRD-ST.

Reginning with to-morrow morning, there is to be the usual annual sale of shoes at Alexander's. The standard quality of the shoes bearing this name is the fact that no outside stock is purchased, but just such lines of shoes, Oxfords and slippers that ave not met with popular favor and of which there are a number still in stock are offered at hese great reductions. Of course, there must these great reductions. Of course, there must be room made for spring goods. Another fact that must be noted is that the shoes and slippers are not piled ento a table, as at most "sales," where the purchasers must run all risk as to fit, but every pair of slippers, Cxfords or shoes bought will be carefully fitted, and the purchaser will receive as much individual attention as during the dullest easen. Besides sain and kid evening and house easen. Besides sain and kid evening and house cambric, stiffened at the bottom and bound with collar is made of black sain ribbon, beaded with a and butter plates, etc. Another "set," this time clippers in all colors, Oxfords and ladies', misses' of Haviland, has a white foundation, trimmed

side of the high collar are fashioned of the otter, while the full ruffle that hangs from the yoke and the lining of the collar are of grebe. Thirty-six bright-eyed otter heads rest upon the grebe ruffle, completely hiding the dividing line between the yoke and the ruffle.

AT H. O'NEILL & CO.'S. SIXTH-AVE. AND TWENTIETH-ST.

There is no need for any recommendation of the coats, furs and gowns which are to be found at

Every shopper knows that this firm's garments sent all that is smart and becoming in style and excellent in quality, but just now they are especially attractive by reason of the fact that a January sale is holding sway, and everything is reduced to exactly half price.

For instance, there is a charming coat of broad-cloth in black or other dark shades, lined with beautiful Dresden silk and finished with tailor stitchings, for \$9.75. Another "bargain" in the real sense of the word is a black etamine cheviot jacket, lined with striped or plaid taffeta, and also marked at \$9 75. A really smart jacket braided in quite an elab-

orate design on each side of the front and on the back, and trimmed with an edging of black fur, bears the remarkable price \$3.98. Another, much on the same order, but more richly braided and trimmed with Persian lamb, is procurable for always commands attention, and when that quality can be obtained for less than half the usual cost the attention is necessarily augmented. One of the noteworthy features about this firm's annual sale into the feet that no outside standard processes and the same and the same and the same are some light tan covert coats, all finished with strapped seams, rows upon rows of stitching and handsome pearl buttons, for some standard processes are some light tan covert coats, all finished with strapped seams, rows upon rows of stitching and handsome pearl buttons, for the feet that no outside standard processes are some light tan covert coats, all finished with strapped seams, rows upon rows of stitching and handsome pearl buttons, for the feet that no outside standard processes are some light tan covert coats, all finished with strapped seams, rows upon rows of stitching and handsome pearl buttons, for the feet that no outside standard processes are some light tan covert coats, all finished with strapped seams, rows upon rows of stitching and handsome pearl buttons, for the feet that no outside standard processes are some light tan covert coats, all finished with strapped seams, rows upon rows of stitching and handsome pearl buttons, for the feet that the standard processes are some light to the and contrasting shades.

These coats, by the by, are not regular stock, but every one is entirely new and perfectly fresh, even to the dainty, delicate silk linings.

Two specials in the way of capes cost \$9.75 and



AT ALTMAN & CO.'S, SIXTH-AVE, AND NINE-

In the midst of the rush of preparations for the spring openings Altman & Co. have found time to ex-ercise their inventive genius on behalf of the women to whom cold weather brings the delighes of skating. and among the many extremely smart costumes prepared for the devotees to this sport is the one whose picture helps embellish this page.

material of which it is made is corduroy in a rich dark shade of green. The rather short skirt is edged with chinchilla while the jacket also boasts a wealth of this daintiest of fur-trimming. As the

wealth of this daintiest of fur-trimming. As the sketch shows, this jacket is slightly bloused, being beited in with black satin ribbon which ends on cach side of the front with a small ribbon bow. The parrow fluted piece of corduroy that stands out around the hips is edged with chinchilla, a band of the same encircling the throat and extending down each side of the front.

The military cords of black slik that are draped from side to side make a charming contrast to the dainty pale blue chiffon jabot that extends from the collar to the waist line. The small sleeves have a garniture of black cord and are finished with a cuff of chinchilla. Corduroy and chinchilla compose the muff, which is trimmed with an immense bow of black satin ribbon.

AT SIMPSON, CRAWFORD & SIMPSON'S, SIXTH-AVE. AND NINETEENTH-ST.

Last year Simpson, Crawford & Simpson's cotton fabrics seemed to be as pretty as it was possible for cotton goods to be, but they certainly do seem to be prettier than ever this season, besides having the great advantage of being so cheap that even purses Santa Claus will be able to provide the prices

Organdies, as usual, head the list in popularity. There is a certain airiness about an organdie that is positively irresistible. With no other fabric is it possible to obtain such dainty, graceful folds and puffs. Many of this firm's organdles are exclusive, and an examination of the beautiful as sortment is a real pleasure. A novelty of the season is a cotton grenadine

strewn with raised silk flowers in the same shade as the cotton ground. Another cotton grenading has a printed warp in a Dresden shadow effect while a third style has a cotton ground striped with silk in a contrasting color. Linon, better known, perhaps, as linen chiffon, will again be en regle for midsummer gowns, the plain linon of last season being replaced by fancy designs in satin stripes, or the still daintier pieces which have narrow rows of lace insertion. Harége, in the old-fashioned broché designs and colorings and also in tan foundations strewn with beauty roses or bouquets of violets, is making a strong bid for the favor of fashionable women.

Another fad, hailing from Paris, is plaid and

striped etamine in the daintiest of combinations. Tissue cloth is a material much like French mull. but striped or barred with slik and then finished with a trailing design in silk. This is also a novelty that deserves unusual popularity. Two-tone cotton canvas in plain and fancy weaves at 25 cents a yard is one of the most charming styles of the season.

A glance at the department devoted to evening fabrics at Simpson, Crawford & Simpson's reveals an array of exquisite color and tissue in the way of chiffons, mousseline de soles and brightly jewelled trimmings. One of the newest fabrics for a garniture is a cloth of gold, heavil; embroidered with a floral design in gold or in white silk.

Chiffons and mousselines, both plain and fancy, run the gamut of every conceivable shade, the prices being no less varied. The 69-cent chiffon and mousseline displayed is obtainable in twentysix different colors, this fabric being a specialty of the establishment.

An advanced sale in the glove department is worth more than a passing notice from the woman who wishes to purchase evening gloves at materially reduced prices. Suede gioves, direct from

who wishes to purchase evening gloves at materially reduced prices. Suede gloves, direct from Paris, in both black and white, 12-button length, are listed at 56 cents; 15-button length, at \$1.29, and 20-button length at \$1.69 a pair. A novel conceit in a two-clasp walking glove for \$1.19 has a tiny purse inserted in the palm of the left hand, and arranged in such a way that even when full of change it is no inconvenience to the wearer.

The newest driving gloves for both men and women are made of "cape leather" and have narrow rubber strips stitched on the palm side of the fingers, and also between the fingers, where the reins are drawn, thus preventing the reins from slipping when one is driving a horse that "pulls."

The right hand has the rubber stitched on only such fingers as are used in holding the whip. The prices of these gloves are \$2.25 for the men's sizes and \$2.8 for the ladies.

The gown made by this firm for Miss Anna Held, and which she wore at Mrs. Perry Belmont's reception, is developed in bleu de cell moiré antique. The perfectly nanging skirt is trimmed with sables stretched out to their full size.

The gown is somewhat of the princess order, the bodice and skirt being both in one piece. The bodice is charmingly girlish, for its only trimming is a strip of real duchess lace drawn from the left shoulder to the waistline in the front, where it disappears beneath the head of the sable, whose body also exterds to the shoulder where the bushy tail rests among the pufflings of silk and lace ruffles that form the only bit of covering for the arms. The right side of the bodice shows the tail and tiny claws of a second sable, whose body trims the back of the bodice in a similar fashion to the front.

The gorgeous diamond necklace which encircled

front.

The gorgeous diamond necklace which encircled Miss Held's throat hung in a glittering rope across the front of her bodice, and down nearly to the

AT HIGGINS & SEITER'S, WEST TWENTY-SECOND-ST.

If the "hall mark" is of English origin, we have

with a wide leaf design of burn shed gold. In this same department were noted some exceptionally pretty afternoon tea-sets, consisting of a large, round tray, with an appropriate scene painted in the centre and finished with a wide border of some delicate color, such as pink, green or yellow. Six cups and saucers, teapot and sugar and cream bowls, matching the color of the border on the tray, complete the "set."

Afternoon teas, at which chocolate is almost invariably served, are doubtless responsible for the many exquisite chocolate pots and odd cups exhibited at this store. Special afternoon teatrays in royal Dresden, finished with a heavy gold border and open handles of gold, are offered for \$1.50 each, a really remark the price, for the trays are beautiful. Some specimens of Coalport in after-dinner coffee cups fascinate the eye and same department were noted some exceptionally



SHIRT WAIST OF CHECKED FLANNEL SKETCHED AT KOSKEL & KOSKEL'S.

tempt the pocketbook, while the beauties of rich glass, both cut and in Bohemian decorations, are never more appreciated than when viewed under the auspices of Mesers, Higgms & Selier.

The new asparagus "sets" contain twelve small plates, with a ting sanken bowl for the dressing and one large platter with a sightly raised perforated tray that holds the vegetable, draining it at the same time. Some new game "sets," painted by Birbeck, are attracting much attention, as is also a fish "set" of one long, large dish and twelve small ones, painted by Albert. This last is offered for \$55.

AT JAMES MCUTCHEON & CO.'S. NO. II WEST TWENTY-THIRD-ST.

here are women who revel in linen sales, who take pride in their well-stocked linen closets, and whose tables always show the finest of napery. They would far rather visit a linen sale than a sale of the most lovely gowns in all the world, and this is not to be wondered at when linen sales are so attractive as that of Messrs, James McCutcheon & Cc. It is so seldom that one is able to purchase really high-class goods at such very moderate prices.

Irish linen tablecloths in a variety of patterns, measuring from two yards square to two and a half by four yards, range in price from \$2 to \$12, which in every instance is from 50 cents to \$250 below the regular price. Napkins in the same grade as the cloths mentioned above and measuring from fiveeignths yard square to seven-eighths yard, range



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LITERARY TASTE IN WOMEN.

MARY E. BRYAN, AUTHOR, SAYS THE SAGE

SCOTCHMAN SHOOTS AT FOLLIES

WITH RUSTY ARROWS.

The sage Scotchman who asserted that women

ossessed no literary taste and merely followed

fashion in their choice of books as in their choice of clothes was himself merely following the fash-

ion of decrying woman's mentality, which has been a favorite form of ridicule with satirists and

would-be cynics since the days of Swift and Pope

The latter's well-known epigram, "Most women

have no character (meaning individuality) at all,"

was allowed to pass almost without protest by our

But women have outgrown such sheeplike submission to being contemptuously rated, as they

have outgrown the parrowness which made Pope'

assertion possibly true of the average woman of

The water-mark of woman's individuality is con-

siderably higher at the present time, a fact which the learned critic might have discovered if he had

looked about him, instead of hunting up the rusty

arrows of the past with which to shoot "follies"

The woman of to-day is characterized by an in-

dependence of thought and taste which expresse

itself through her work, her ways and her ut

As to the books she reads, it follows as a matter of course that, wishing to "keep in step" and thirsting for self-improvement, she takes for her

guide the Scriptural injunction: "Prove all things;

The bee, when foraging in a field of flowers,

alights upon many that are honeyless or poisonous,

but, after testing them with a sip, she hies away and buries her brown head only in the cups that

Woman would not be a descendant of the first mother if her investigating mind did not seek to sample all the fruit in the Eden of letters; and because she takes a bite of some crude or unsavory

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GOING ON TO-DAY.

In the Church of St. Francis Xavier, West Sixteenth-st., a grand mission will be opened to-day by the famous Jesuit missionary band, headed by the Rev. Joseph Himmel.

The regular meeting of the Loyal Social Club will take place to-night at \$:30 o'clock at No. 207 East One-hundred-and-thirteenth-st. Mrs. Cornells S. Robinson will make an address.

The seventh lecture of a course on "Evolution of Ethics" will be delivered this evening at the Pouch Mansion, Brooklyn, by the Rev. Merie St. Croix Wright, under the auspices of the Brooklyn Ethical Association. The subject will be "Ethica of the Steles and Epicureans," Discussion by Nelson J. Gates.

THE LOCKWOOD ALUMNAE. The January meeting of the Alumnae Association



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New-York City, Jan. 9, 1897.

A READING OF HAMLET.

THE FORTNIGHTLY SHAKESPEARE DE-CLARES "HAMLET" TO BE A "TRAGEDY OF THOUGHT."

The Fortnightly Shakespeare Club met at the Hotel Mariborough last night, many guests being present. Preliminary to the reading of "Hamlet," Mrs. Anna Randall-Diehl, the president, made some introductory remarks on the subject.
"'Hamlet,'" she said, "Is a tragedy of thought.

The leading character cannot avenge his father, in spite of the command of the latter's spirit and his own sense of fillal duty. Though impelled by the strongest motives to kill

the King, he is restrained by the question of his right to do so. He hesitates to fulfil the sacred duty laid upon him by his dead father, because he feels at the same time the iniquity of murder. He thinks, thinks, and as he himself acknowledges, 'enterprises of great pith and moment are turned awry and lose the name of action.' He rep-resents the undone which should be done, while his cle-father and aunt-mother represent the done which should be undone.

"Hamlet has been criticised as a lover, but Ophelia has been weighed and found wanting. She loves Hamlet in her own way, but she does not pesitate to put spies upon his action. Knowing this, and believing that she would not be more loyal to him than his mother has been to her dead husband

him than his mother has been to her dead husband, we may almost forgive Hamlet for his generalizing statement. 'Frailiy, thy name is woman.'
"Edwin Booth had a mind somewhat similar to Hamlet's, and it was this, more than anything else, that made him the ideal delineator of the character."

George H. Mellish, secretary of the club, read a paper upon Claudius, and Mrs. Mellish followed with another one on Gertrude.

After the reading Miss Henrietta Markstein gave a piano solo, and Miss Lavinia Dempsey, by special request, celebrated her entrance into the club by playing a harp solo, and by singing "Moonlight on the Hudson." by Bardi.

The second act of "Hamlet" will be read at the next meeting, on January 22.

CARDS OUT FOR RECEPTIONS.

Mrs. Benjamin A. Williams, Miss Williams and Miss Edith Williams will receive from 4 until 7 on Thursday afternoon, January 14, at No. 29 East Ninety-second-st.
Mrs. Adolph Lewisohn and Miss Lewisohn have issued cards for a reception at their home, No. 49 West Fifty-seventh-st., on Saturday, January 16.

genious advertising, their literary preferences lie deeper, and often cling lovingly to some book that has been left high and dry by the ever-changing current of fashion and popularity.

New-York City, Lan. 2, 1827.

MARY E. BRYAN.

The question of writing a school song was brought up, and it was decided that all the gradubrought up, and it was decided that all the graduates and all the present pupils in the school should be invited to submit verses, and that a committee chosen by the president should decide on their merits; it will report at the April meeting. Miss Lockwood and Miss Carrie Lockwood were unanimously elected to honorary membership. At the conclusion of the session the ladies were tendered a delightful reception. Refreshments were served at the dining-room, and the table was trimmed in yellow and white—the school colors, with daisies everywhere. Miss Lockwood invited the association to hold its January meeting in the school-rooms.

THE LITTLE MISSES TRUAX.

The little Misses Truax performed at the Press Club last week, and were a great success. Louise whistled "The Mocking Bird" and "The Danube whistled "The Marking Bird" and "The Danube dam" and sang "Fleur de Lis." The president of the club, Joseph Howard, r., has invited them to give a reception in the club parlors some day soon between the hours of 3 and 6 p. m.

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OND-ST. The difficulty at Shayne's is to choose from the

barras de richesse that surrounds one on every

AT KASKEL & KASKEL'S, WEST TWENTY-

cuse is made with a box pleat on each side of the

and children's shoes, the "sale" will include foot-gear for men, youths and boys. velvet for \$4.98, and from that price extend to bandsome moire autique, silk-lined skirts for \$18 THIRD-ST.

An indispensable adjunct to the wardrobe of every well-dressed woman this coming season will be that most useful and comfortable garment, the blouse, and at Kaskel & Kaskel's recherche establishment these bodices are models of smartness and so charming in style as to be almost universally becoming. One of fine French plaid flannel is depicted in the sketch bearing this firm's name. The colors are bright, yet so artistically intermixed as to produce a harmonious whole to which the block. The spirit of reduction also prevails in the fur

CAPE AND MUFF OF GREVE AND SEAL SKETCHED AT C. C. SHAYNE'S.



EVENING WAIST AT O'NEILL'S.

If the "hall mark" is of English origip, we have the charmond of the same of Higgins & Selter, whose establishment, on Twenty-second-st., just east of Sixth-ave, is the resort of Gotham's housewives with a pointed yoke garniture of pale is trimmed with a decoration of cut steel with green silk, edged with lace and embroidered with white and finished with a decoration of cut steel with this winder silk, edged with a decoration of cut steel with the same fabric. The solution of the fact at he is noted for exhibiting some of the fact at he is noted for exhibiting the heart of the fact at he cannot be at he is noted for exhibiting the heart of th